



Ely atrium looked like a "Wild Kingdom" set Feb. 21 when the Maryland State Parks Association brought in critters to display or to suit bring-'em-back-alive types like student Kathy Valcourt, who cuddled up with a python. Delta Phi Epsilon hosted the event.

Conference center timetable delayed to allow more opportunity for planning

In order to ensure that Gallaudet's future Conference Center for Training and Development is successful from the start, the project has been delayed by several months while the conference center's planning committee continues its work refining program plans.

Last month, the University's Construction Communication Committee reported that West Office Building—the site of the future conference center—would be demolished this summer and construction would begin in the fall and be completed in the spring of 1994.

The latest report from Charles Mann, director of Business Services, is that the design work for the conference center will be finished in November, West Office Building will be demolished early next year, and construction will begin soon after. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in the summer of 1994, and programs will be in operation by the start of the 1994-95 academic year.

"The committee decided to slow down the ambitious schedule we developed and be sure that the right decisions are made, because the conference center will have a long-term impact on the University," said Mann, who serves on the communication committee and the planning committee for the conference center.

"The conference center will be self-supporting, so we want to be sure the programs have the proper foundation for success," Mann added. "We want to be sure in designing the center that we seek the delicate balance between program needs, construction costs, and ongoing operating costs."

Campus programs that are planned to be located in the conference center, said Mann, include all units of the College for Continuing Education, all units from the Management Institute, and the proposed Comprehensive Community Counseling Center.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation has given the University a \$12 million grant toward funding the project. Gallaudet is taking steps to raise the remaining balance, an estimated \$5 million, from private contributions.

Dan Kirby, the University's newly appointed manager of construction services, said that West Office Building will not be razed until just before construction on the conference center is ready to begin. Kirby explained that the building needs to be used as long as possible for offices and classrooms, particularly while departments are being temporarily displaced due to other construction projects on Kendall Green.

Steps being taken to repair wall

The cost of repairing the wall at Gallaudet's Eighth Street entrance will range from \$15,000 to \$20,000, depending on how much of the stone that covers the top part of the wall can be salvaged, according to Bill Owens, manager of Maintenance and Utility Services.

A Metrobus struck the 19-inch thick, 48-inch high wall Feb. 14, destroying the same area that was damaged in a similar accident in

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Coordinator appointed for PPD's new Office of Environmental Safety

Lee Gaskins, a former Department of Safety and Security officer who has also been a safety manager for General Electric, has been appointed as coordinator of the new Office of Environmental Safety in the Physical Plant Department.

Gaskins is responsible for making sure that the University complies with all federal, state, and local environmental and safety laws and regulations, and that the University's facilities and programs are as safe as possible, said Physical Plant Director Fred Kendrick.

"For the first time, Gallaudet faculty, staff, and students have a central office they can call if they have safety or environmental concerns," Kendrick said. "We want people to feel comfortable calling and telling us about any possible unsafe conditions anywhere on the University grounds."

In addition to responding to inquiries about safety concerns, Gaskins is responsible for developing effective job safety programs. For example, he will implement programs teaching supervisors how to monitor employee safety compliance, conduct accident investigations, and understand and interpret Occupational and Safety Health Administration (OSHA) standards.

"We aren't going to take violations or deficiencies in job or environmental safety lightly," Gaskins declared. "Having a safety office people can call is going to be a big improvement."

He said that another primary focus of the office will be accident prevention. "We will not wait for an accident to happen. We will train personnel to prevent and respond to accidents."

Gaskins will conduct periodic building inspections to make sure District of Columbia fire code regulations are observed. He also will inspect University grounds for unsafe conditions.

Gaskins has drafted a master safety plan governing all aspects of environmental safety at Gallaudet. After the plan is reviewed by Kendrick, various departments throughout the University will be asked for their input.

To ensure that the University complies with environmental laws and regulations, Gaskins will monitor waste disposal and keep accurate records of any hazardous wastes the University produces.

Gaskins explained that environmental laws have become more stringent in defining what wastes are "hazardous." "You can't throw an old paint bucket in the trash anymore because it's considered hazardous waste and has to be disposed of properly," he said.

Other examples of hazardous wastes are used motor oil, kerosene, and other chemical wastes, which must all be collected and shipped off campus. As long as these materials are collected and stored safely, they are not hazardous to people at the University, said Gaskins.

"The University is in compliance with all environmental laws and regulations," Gaskins said. Contractors remove and dispose of all hazardous wastes produced by the University at landfills approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The University annually reports the type and amount of wastes disposed of to the D.C. Department of Environmental Services.

Some of these types of wastes are disposed of at ordinary landfills, but others must be disposed of at landfills or incinerators specifically designed for hazardous wastes because ordinary landfills cannot safely handle all the types of wastes generated by a community.

Gaskins was employed for several years by General Electric as a safety manager. He is an OSHA-certified compliance officer and training instructor, and holds a certification in life safety codes from the National Fire Protection Association. Gaskins also is an EPA-certified lead-based paint abatement inspector/worker and certified in asbestos abatement management.

Anyone with safety concerns or suggestions can call Gaskins at x5472 or x5190.



Office of Environmental Safety Coordinator Lee Gaskins inspects a barrel of oil in the machine shop.

Progress on ADA education shared

Representatives of Gallaudet's outreach units met Feb. 20 to share information about the steps they are taking to educate people about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), according to Sy DuBow, legal director of the National Center for Law and Deafness (NCLD).

DuBow and NCLD attorney Karen Peltz-Strauss discussed ADA legal requirements mandating removal of communication barriers in employment, state and local government facilities, public accommodations, and telecommunications.

NCLD activities supporting ADA education include a telephone information service staffed by lawyers. The Justice Department funded the service with a \$200,000 grant, which is shared with the American Federation of the Blind.

In addition, NCLD has published a new book, *Legal Rights, The Guide for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People*, that contains a chapter about the ADA and is available through the Gallaudet Bookstore.

Patti Singleton, director of the National Academy, discussed the academy's subcontract with NCLD to produce a videotape about the ADA in American Sign Language. The subcontract is funded by the same grant that

funds the NCLD telephone service.

Singleton also reported on the results of the academy's "Train the Trainers on the ADA" program and the trainer's manual that was developed for the project.

National Information Center on Deafness Director Loraine DiPietro discussed the center's efforts to compile a resource list describing what all units on campus are doing to educate people about the ADA.

The outreach units will continue their cooperative efforts.

Wall may require extensive repair

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July 1989, plus an additional 10 feet of the wall. In the '89 incident, the stones were labeled for reassembly and stored at the Grounds Department's Penn Street facility. This time, however, damage to the stones was so extensive that the rubble had to be stored in sections rather than labeling it.

The wall is made up of two parts, explained Owens. What is known in the trade as "random rubble stone," not sandstone, as reported earlier in *On the Green*, makes up most of the wall, while dimensional or capstone is the top portion. This capstone is rarely quarried today because it requires going deep into the earth and is very expensive, said Owens.

However, several other buildings in Washington, D.C., were built with the same antique red stone. One of these, the old D.C. jail, was torn down about three years ago and its stones are stored in several stone yards.

The contractor will be cutting off the damaged parts of the capstone, said Owens, and trying to salvage it in the rectangular shape used in the wall, although smaller. The more the stone has to be patched, the more the cost will increase, he said.

According to a television news report, the accident, which resulted in one death, was the third fatal traffic accident at the intersection of Eight Street and Florida Avenue in the past year. "We're lucky we didn't have any students sitting on the wall," Owens said of the accident. "That's their favorite spot to wait for the bus."

The University will approach the D.C. government about hanging traffic lights over the street to be more visible than those set on either side of the street, lowering the speed limit, and other safety precautions, said Owens.



Dr. David Martin, counselor of Gallaudet's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the national honor society in education, explains the society's symbol Feb. 18, when 44 honor students were inducted into Kappa Delta Pi.

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The cast and production staff of "The Bridge," written and directed by Dr. William Moses (standing, left), Theatre Arts Department chairman, recently returned from the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) Regional Festival, where it was one of five plays to perform out of 120 entries from regional colleges and universities. Moses and music composer Chris Patton were awarded certificates of honor; and the play will be considered as a finalist in the National ACTF Festival at the Kennedy Center in April.

Announcements

Dan Kirby, former manager of Contracts and Purchasing, has been named manager of Construction Services. Dan Coleman, a former contract administrator at the University of Maryland, has filled the manager's position in Contracts and Purchasing.

Two "Deaf Mosaic" programs recently won Telly Awards for the first time. The Beirut special was named "Winner" and the special on World Games for the Deaf in Banff, Canada, was

named "Finalist." Deaf Mosaic competed against 5,200 entrants for the awards.

Dr. Ronald Anderson, president of the Council for Exceptional Children, will present "The Future of Teacher Preparation in Special Education: Challenges from the Field" on March 5 at 3:30 p.m. in Ely Auditorium. A reception will follow. This is the third presentation in the Department of Education's Centennial Distinguished Lecture Series.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail MGMTMOORE. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Ads received March 2-6 will be published March 16.

FOR SALE: Apple II C computer, color monitor, Imagewriter Printer II, joystick, games, \$375/BO; rowing machine, \$25/BO; gym set, wall mount, \$75/BO; gym mat, \$10/BO. Call Brenda, x6204 or (703) 560-8226, or E-mail BSMITCHNER.

FOR SALE: 3 Br 2 1/2-bath townhouse, living/dining rooms, eat-in kitchen, ceiling fan, walk-out basement, fenced back yard, more, open house Sundays, noon-5 p.m.; '87 VW Cabriolet, 64K mi., black w/white top, leather seats, auto. trans., power brakes and steering, cruise control, great price. Call

Steve, x5376 days or (301) 595-5844 eves.

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WANTED: Wearable clothes and shoes for homeless. Leave with Andrew Metz at Gallaudet Bookstore, Ely Center.

WANTED: Mature or professional M/F or couple to rent room in Lanham, Md., must like pets, quiet, 15 min. to Kendall Green, no lease, \$320/mo. single, \$380/mo. double, \$300 deposit. Call Tom or Ken, (301) 306-9155.

WANTED: Silver tea sets and other collectible silver items; computer. Call Tonya, x5383 or (301) 459-6647 eves.

CHILDCARE: Loving woman has two openings, ages 6 mos.-4 yrs. only. Call Tonya, x5383 or (301) 459-6647 eves.

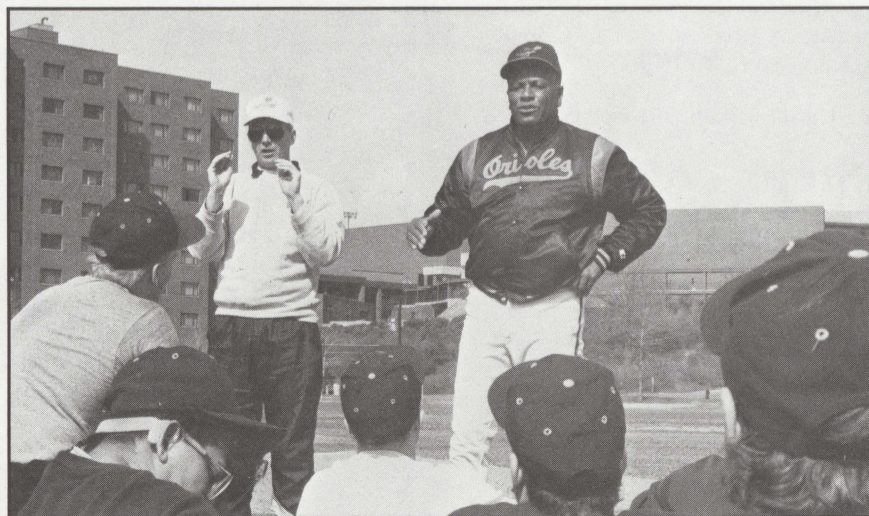
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Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

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Former Baltimore Orioles slugger Joe Durham, the first black player to smash a home run for the team, works with Gallaudet's varsity Feb. 22. Durham now coaches the Orioles' farm team, the Hagerstown Suns. Also shown is Joe Fritsch, Athletics Department director.